AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 and 16, as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A packing crate, comprising:

a plurality of stacks of paper, each stack being joined with each other at an edge of said crate by folding over a strip of one stack so that it is parallel and adjacent to an adjoining stack; and

said strip from one stack being attached to said other stack via sewn thread with between 50 and 80 stitches per meter, between one and two lines of stitching, wherein the thread has a thickness between 300D/3 and 500D/3, wherein "D" is "denier" and is an indication of a mass in grams per 9km in length divided by a number of strands in the thread.

2. (Original) The packing crate of claim 1, the thread being selected from a group consisting of nylon, polyamide, polyester, and polypropylene.

3. (Currently Amended) The crate of claim 1, said stacks of paper being selected from the group consisting of a ~~heavy~~ reinforced building paper and corrugated paper.

4. (Original) The packing crate of claim 1, said sewn thread ending in a tab that can be easily pulled and unraveled by a person.

5. (Original) A packing crate of claim 1, further comprised of an adhesive binding together the two stacks, said adhesive placed in a vicinity of where said sewn thread is employed.

6. (Original) The crate of claim 5, said adhesive being a synthetic resin.

7. (Original) A method of making a packing crate, comprising the steps of:

folding over a strip at an edge of a first stack of paper;

applying an adhesive to said folded over portion of said first stack of paper;

placing said folded edge with adhesive in contact with an edge of a second stack of paper; and

sewing said folded edge of said first stack to said second stack.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, said sewing being done after application of said adhesive and before said adhesive fully dries.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein a tab is formed at one end of said strip enabling a person to undo said sewing.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) A packing crate forming a completely enclosed structure, said packing

crate made of stacks of paper folded and attached to one another, said attaching being by sewn thread.

12. (Original) The packing crate of claim 11, further comprising an adhesive attaching said stacks to one another where said sewn thread is present, said adhesive being a synthetic resin.

13. (Original) The packing crate of claim 11, said sewn thread having 50-80 stitches per meter.

14. (Original) The packing crate of claim 11, said thread being selected from a group consisting of nylon, polyamide, polyester, and polypropylene.

15. (Previously Presented) The packing crate of claim 11, said thread having a thickness of 300D/3 to 500D/3, wherein "D" is "denier" and is an indication of a mass in grams per 9km in length divided by a number of strands in the thread.

16. (Currently Amended) The packing crate of claim 11, said stacks of paper being stacks of a ~~heavy~~ reinforced building paper.

17. (Original) The packing crate of claim 11, said stacks of paper being corrugated

paper.

18. (Original) The packing crate of claim 11, said crate being absent of metallic staples and metallic nails.

19. (Previously Presented) The packing crate of claim 5, said adhesive filling holes formed in said stacks of paper where said sewn thread runs through.

20. (Previously Presented) The packing crate of claim 12, said adhesive filling holes formed in said stacks of paper where said sewn thread runs through.

21. (Previously Presented) The packing crate of claim 18, said adhesive and said sewn thread both being coextensive and continuous along entire edges of said packing crate.